GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR PROMOTING TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government provides financial assistance to States for promoting tourism ;

(b) If so, the details of schemes for which such assistance is provided and the amount allocated to various States to promote tourism during each of the last three years, State-wise ;

(c) Whether any special assistance is being provided for development of Sundarbans Tiger Reserve/National Park in view of its tourism potentiality ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to States/U.Ts for development of tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them under the existing scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits. A Statement showing the amount released to various States to promote tourism during each of the last three years, State-wise, is at Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e): No proposal has been received for grant of financial assistance from the Government of West Bengal for development of Sundarbans Tiger Reserve/ National Park.